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Hongkong, August 16, 1877. CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERN MENT EIGHT PER CENT.

LOAN OF 1877. Authorised by Imperial Edict, dated the 2nd Day of the 9th Moon, of III Year of Kwong-Sv, (Oct. 8, 1877.)

£1,604,276. 0. 10 STOOK,

IN BONDS OF £100 EACH. Bearing Interest from 81st December, 1877.

the first Coupon of £1.6.8 being payable on 28th February, 1878, and Conpons of £4 being payable thereafter on 81st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884. when the last Coupon of £2.6.8 will be

payable. The Bonds are redeemable at par within seven years (1884) by half-yearly drawings.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN LOI DON, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

PRICE OF ISSUE 98 PER CENT.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 81, Lombard Street, London, as Agents for the Chinese Government, hereby invite Subscriptions for £1,604,276.0.10 of 8 per cent. Bonds at the issue price of £98 per cent, payable as follows :---

£10 per cent. on application. allotment. 15 days after allotment.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate | the sum of ............... pounds, being a of £8 per cent. per annum, payable half. Deposit made on application for £............. yearly on the 28th February and 81st of Bonds of the above Loan. August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai. The first Coupon for \$1.6.8 for interest from 81st December, 1877, to 28th February, 1878. will be payable on the latter date, and Coupons of £4 will be payable thereafter on 81st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the final

Coupon of £2.6.8 will be payable. The Bonds will be redeemed at par with in Seven years (1884) by Thirteen half veerly Drawings of £114,600 each, the bas on the Sist-December, 1877. Exchange on lance of the Loan, £114,476.0.10, being Applications received in Hongkong will be

paid off on 14th June, 1884. The Drawings will take place in London in December and June in each year, and the Bouds so drawn will be paid of at par on the succeeding 28th February and Sist August at the offices of the Hongkong and

# Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai, after which w dates interestion the Bonds so drawn will

The Loan has been authorised by an Imperial Edict; dated Stheof October, 1877, which has been communicated to the British Legation at Pekin, according to a dispatch from the British Consul at Shanghal dated 20th October 1877) agildo orila

The Loan; principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of ZEALAND :- Gordon & Gorde, Met- the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue STATUETTES. of the Ports of Shanghai, Canton; Ningpe, Handsomely Bound GIFT BOOKS. and Hankow-the four Ports which have generally: Brand Brack, San Francithe largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire-to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of prin- | ORIENTAL COSTUMES.

cipal of the said Loan. The total Customs' Receipts at the Ports named for the past three years have I CHINA:-Bugiose, CAMPERLL & Co. averaged £2,005,500 per annum; and the Amoy, Wilson, Nicholls & Co. total Customs Revenue for the same period

> The indebtedness of the Imperial Government only amounts to about £709,000, of which about £250,000 mature next year. The amounts of the outstanding Loans and the proposed Loan are therefore, together, only £2,200,000, or about two thirds of one Inc. year's Customs Revenue. The payments both of interest and principal on account of outstanding Loans have been duly and punctually met by the Chinese Govern-

The special hypothecation of Customs Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-Chinese authorities of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, and by the European Commissioners at the same Ports, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs Duties. The Customs' Revenue available to meet these obligations, and for which they are specially charged, is £2,100,000 per an-

Certified translations of the official documents authorising the Loan, may be in specied at the office of the Hongkong and Sanghai Banking Corporation, London Applications in the annexed form, accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent. will be received by the Hongkong and S ranguai Banking Corporation, 81, Loua-

bard Street, London. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Those from the Straits Settlements and India to be sent to London. Default in payment of any instalment at

the due date will render all previous pay: ments liable to forfeiture. If no allotment is made, the deposit wil be returned in full and if only is portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the amount due or

allotmentend ein in ancitelyd ) Scrip Certificates to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers Receipts, and Bonds to Bearer, when really will be exchanged for fully paid up Scrip. Forms of Application can be obtained of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation, at their offices in London Hongkong, and Shanghai. Hongkong, 24th November, 1877.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT, LOAN of 1877. - For £1,604,276. O. 10 Sterling.

TO THE HONGRONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-ING CORPORATION.

I request that you will allot me £ .... Bonds of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus issued by you dated posit of ......pounds, being at the rate of 210 per cent., and I engage to accept the said Bonds or any less number you may allot me, and to make the remaining payments thereon in accordance with the

Name at full length. Occupation ..... Date ...... 1877.

BANKERS RECEIPT TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT. CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN or 1877. For £1,604,276. 0. 10 Sterling.

No. seeming

Received this ..... day of ..... For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 6

WITH reference to the foregoing Pros. of pectus APPLICATIONS will be RECEIVED by the Undersigned until the 15th of DECEMBER next, on which Date the Allotment will be made, and the final instalment of 48 per cent, will be payable on the 81st-December, 1877. Exchange on calculated at the rate of 4/, per dollar.

T. JACKSON Chief Manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Agunta invina Louni

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

DRESSING CASES: WORK BOXES. SCHAP BOUKS IN THE STATE OF THE PRESENTATION INKSTANDS. PIN TOILET SETS.

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FANOY BOXES OF CHUCOLATE. CHRISTMAS MINCE MEAT. ELVAS PLUMS.

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A FEW CASES OF THE CHOICEST SCOTCH WHISKEY EVER IMPORTED. SACCONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices.

PURE PORT. LIQUEURS CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY.

### Auctions.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

ANE CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously dis- | HENDERS and FIRE IRONS. posed of by Private Sale), on

the 31st December, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central,-The following PIECES or PARCELS

of GROUND, with the Buildings erected

First. All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hougkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of INLAND LOT Applica one from China, Japan, and No. 41, abutting on the North side Manila will be received and forwarded by thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring WORKS OF REFERENCE: the Hongkong and Shanghai)Offices of the thereon 153 feet, on the South Bide thereof on Sec. on A of the aforestid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 85 feet, and on the West side hereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in he whole about 8,000 square feet, of

> together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased by D. RUTTUNJEE, Esq. Second.—All that Piece or Parcel of ROUND, situated in the Poke-fo-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 26 abutting on the North side thereof on Closes Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and Measur ing thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and side thereof on a Water Course, and

which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01,

Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet which said Piece or Parcel of Iround contains in the whole 221 Acres. which the Annual Crown Rent is All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND.

situated in the Poke-fo-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 80; abutting on the South side thereof on a Olose Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lot No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Abertisen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 84 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses RELIABLE. described as "Belmont" upon the afore-

TERMS OF SALE -One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the

. The Property to be at purchasers risk on the fall of the hammer. For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, October 31, 1877.

NOTIOE. A MILLAR & Co. PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Quate's Road East, BONGEONG:

Syptember 18, 1877.

# HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR STOVES.

Superior California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb. BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR PETS various patterns.

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BOOKS NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS. Fresh APPLES, and LEMONS, and SALMON BELLIES bin Hith . soime MACKEREL, TONGUES & SOUNDS. Family PIG PORK, and Prime Mess BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each. CAVIARE, SARDELLES, and Spiced

Prime American BACON and HAMS. Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Asyorted. GRAHAM, FLOUR, CORN MEAL, YE MEAL, &c., &c. Canned Dessert FRUITS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, BEEF TONGUES MUSTER A PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to CROSSE & BLACEWELL'S OIL MANS STORES, of every kind: Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer, CLARET in Cask, (BANDOL), Superior

BARGUAY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogs heads and Kilderkins. GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Pints and Quarts. BASS' PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and Saunders, in Pints and Quarts.

a dion stand dion and the Lagorier Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

> Intimations. NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS .. WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co.,

Late Manager of the Noveltz Inon Works, Hongkong. WM. DUNPHY. Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

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ESIRING to benefit by the worldwide reputation of our Oil, pertain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS AND PURCHASES OF these imitations. Buyers should be careful to dee that the words "DEVOYS BRILE LIANT" are stendilled on the cases, and the words " DEVOE M'TG CO. PATENTS are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVON MANUFAUTURING Co. 80 Belvin and 127 Paul Streets, MEW YORK, V. S. A.

#### nourishing powers on the follicles it may in time cause Hair to return to its natural color; it however, does not contain a particle of any dyeing ingredient. Using it

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THE LAOU TI KU HAIR WASH.

THIS Hair Wash has been prepared by

steadily increasing in India, the Straits, and

Japan. It possesses all the qualities of s

Hair Oil or Pomade without their Sticki-

ness. It induces a healthy action of the

scalp and nourishes the Hair. Dandruff

never appears whilst it is in use. It contains

none but the best ingredients and the

greatest care is taken in the compounding.

When the Hair falls off after fever or any

us for the last 15 years. ... Its sale is

## Shipping.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.) The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. THEBAUD, will be depatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to Hongkong, December 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Condt. ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mall, expected on or about the 13th Inst. H, DU POUEY,

Hongkoug, December 8, 1877.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "IRAOUADDY." Comdt. GAUVAIN, will be despatched for SHANGHAL shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POURY, Agent. Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer · NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on of about the 31st Instant. (For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB. LIVINGSTON & Co., Andersta. Hongkong, December 5, 1877.

MONTHLY LINE.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGA TION COMPANY.

For COORTOWN and SYDNEY, taking Cargo and Passengers for all AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND Ports.

The Company's Chartered JOHN C. JAQUES, Commander will lead for the above Ports, and be despatched on or about December 26th, 1877. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Sailing Vessels.

Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

FOR DUNEDIN (N. Z.) The A 1 German Barque Capt. BURMEISTER, will load here for the above Port, and have a quick despatch. For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co

Hongkong, November 14, 1877. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A 1 British Barque "EMPREZA," Capt. SRINNER, will load here,

and have a quick despatch as For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

BOR LONDON (DIRBOT.) The A 1 Brit. Clipper Bark JANES WILSON, Master, having "KATE CARNIE." the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch as

Houghong, November 28, 1877.

# Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR YLOILO. The British Brig Kock, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 14th

Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Hongkong, December 3, 1877

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Schooner MERICAECHAVABIA, Master, Will have quick despatch as above. For Freight or Passage, apply to

FOR LONDON. The British Ship "SYDENHAM" will be despatched on SATUR-DAY, the 15th Instant. Has Room for 50 tons Light Freight Any Claims against the Ship to be sent in not later than the 14th Instant, at Noon.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, December 11, 1877. FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.

"ONEIDA," CLYMA, Master, having 3/4ths of her Cargo engaged. will load here as above, and will be despatched on or about the 31st December. For Freight, apply to

> FOR NEW YORK. The A1 American Ship "COLORADO." here for the above Port, and

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. FOR HONOLULU. The A1 American Ship

STAPLES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Ship "ISLES OF THE SOUTH." for the above Port, and will have

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 Clipper Barque "GOLDEN RUSSETT." RICHARDSON, Master, will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Barque "MORRO CASTLE." JENETT, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo, engaged, will load at this Port as above

Hongkong, December 1, 1877. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A1 French Barque Captain Barbeyron, will take.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Hongkong, December 5, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Barkentine C. H. BRYANT, Master, will lead here for the above Port, and

Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark A. F. SMITH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 20, 1877. de90

FOR BATAVIA AND SAMARANG. The German Ship having a great portion of her Cargo engaged, will have imme-

For Freight, apply to BRANDAO & Co. Hongkong, November 28, 1877. FOR MELBOURNE & BYDNEY.

The Brit. 3-m. Schooner Captain Ross, will load hare for the above Ports, and will hard

For Freight or Passage, apply to EDP KEE & Co. Hongkong, November 27, 1877,

other sickness this Wash, will surely prove of the greatest value. From its great Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

Hair falling. It is cleanly in use, the smallest quantity sufficing. It has no sedior otherwise they will not be recognized.

The A 1 British Ship

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

INGRAHAM, Master, will load will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to Hongkong, November 3, 1877.

"OHARTER OAK,"

Hongkong, November 3, 1877, DENNETT, Master, will lead here

nick despatch. For Freight, apply to Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

and have quick despatch, For Freight, apply to OLYPHANT & Co.

Freight at moderate rates, and have quick despatch. For Freight or Passage, apply to

have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

#### Intimations.

NOTIOE.

**TLAIMS** against the S. S. NEMESIS for short delivery of Cargo, &c., will not be recognized by the Undersigned unless the same be presented on or before the 15th Instant.

OLYPHANT & Co., Agenta S. S. Nemesis. Hougkong, December 10, 1877.

> NOTICE TO MARINERS. No. 78.

> > CHINA SEA.

YANGISZE RIVER-SHANGHAI DISTRICT. " Lismore" Wreck Light.

OTIOE is hereby given that the "Lismore" Wreck Screw-Pile Tower will be removed as soon as practicable in consequence of the rapid deepening of the water around its foundations.

A fixed Red Light will be shown from the tower as long as possible. On the discontinuance of this light a Red Light and a White Light underneath it will be exhibited from a small junk moored about 400 feet to the N. 22° 30' E. of the present

#### Woosung Lighthouse.

In consequence of the removal of the above-mentioned Lighthouse, the sector of light, formerly exhibited from the Woosung Lighthouse, and over the port aide of the channel on entering, will be resumed.

This Light will therefore show :-White between the bank of the Yangtaze to the westward of the Lighthouse and S. 3° 15′ E. Green between S. 3° 15' E. and S. 53° White between S. 53° 45' W. and S. 70°

80' W., and Red between S. 70° 30' W. and the left bank of the Woosung River. The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs DAVID M. HENDERSON, Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghal, December 6, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Teither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay In Hongkong Harbour:-

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham. - Wieler & Co. CILURNUM, British ship, Captain E.

Shrowsbury.—Wieler & Co. Colorado, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

KATE CARNIE, British barque, Captain James Wilson. - Melchers & Co. BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bate.—Russell & Co.

CHARTER OAK, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co. FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Behweer.-Melchers & Co.

PARACCA, British barque, Captain C. Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co. Annie S. Hall, American barque, Capt.

Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain. BIRKER, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order.

NELSON, British steamer, Captain Thos. Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

MONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POUEY.

Ex Amazone. S. P. Order, 72 bags Stones, from Madras. Ex Diemnah.

M T No. 786, Mr Mathisen, 1 case Fire Arms, from Marseilles. ) Mr G. W. Scott, 7 cases Wine, from Mar-

H.M.S. Laproing. ) Mr J. Ridley, case Effects. London. Formosa, Hongkong, December 6, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship " DOUGLAS." Captain G. D. PITMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at

Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 12, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. Taking Tea and other Cargo at through tates and under through Bills of Lading for Chicago, New York and all Eastern Places.

The British Ship "OILURNUM," SHREWSEURY, Master, will be despatched as above on or before 10th January proximo.

Rate of Freight to San Francisco, \$2.50 Through Rate, \$2 and Eastern Rates. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1877. THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

MOTION,

PITHE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the Slet Instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, OLYPHANT & CO.

General Agente, Monghong, December 19, 1877.

Charters Effected. The following charters have been effected during the last few days :-

German, bark Coquette, 281, hence to Saigon, \$450 in full. German bark Mikado, 330, hence to Batavia and Samarang, \$1,400 in full, 20 lay

Italian bark Bianca Pertica, 666, hence to Touron, \$1,400 in full, 30 lay days. German bark C. R. Bishop, 898, Manila to London or Liverpool, or to New York,

British ship Hawkesbury, 1175, Manila to New York, private. British bark Paracca, 464, Manila to

London or Liverpool, private. British steamer Marcia, 1060, hence to Saigon and back, \$6,100 in full, 15 lay

German steamer Cassandra, hence to Saigon and back, 6 voyages, 241 cents per German steamer Atalants, 782, hence to

Saigon, 6 voyages, 221 cents per picul. German steamer Altona, hence to Salgon and back, 6 voyages, 231 cents per picul. British steamer Marcia, 1,060, monthly charter, 4 or 6 months, private. French bark St. Adresse, 622, hence to San Francisco and back via Puget Sound,

Danish ship Dorls Brodersen, 547, cleared for Rangoon under orders from Home. British bark Mangerton, 330, hence to Quinhon and back, 20 cents per picul, 35 lay days.

British brig Victory, 255, hence to Bange.

kok, \$820 in full. American bark Wealthy Pendleton, 810, Keelung to Hongkong, \$1.20 per ton of 20

#### SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. Dec. 12, Hankwang, Chinese steamer,

from Canton. Dec. 12, Nelson, British steamer, 895, Thos, Staples, Penang Dec. 2, via Singapore, General -- JARDINE, MATHESON &

Dec. 12, Chinkiang, British steamer, 799, Orr. Sydney Nov. 18, Cooktown 22, and Somerset 25, Coal. —Jardine, Matheson &

DEPARTURES. Dec. 12. Jacobine, for Saigon. 12, Hoi Chung Ching, for a cruise. 12, Carl, for Sourabaya. 12. Menelaus, for Shanghal.

OLEARED. Washi, for Haiphong, Three Brothers, for Quinhon, Empresa, for Melbourne. Strathmore, for Callao. Yottung, for Holhow & Halphong H. N. Carleton, for Honolulu, Norma, for Chefoo. Blankeness, for Chefoo.

#### PASSENGERS.

Arrivad. Per Chinkiang, from Sydney, &c., Capt. and Mrs Stevens, and 150 Chinese. Per Nelson, from Penang, &c., 801 Chi-

DEPARTED Per Menelaus, for Shanghai, 5 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer Nelson reports: Moderate monsoon with strong sea an current throughout the passage. The British steamer Chinkiang reports

Left Sydney at 10 a.m. on the 13th Nov. Arrived in Cooktown at 11 a.m. of 20th, and left at 4 a.m. on the 22nd. Arrived at Somerset at 10 a.m. of 25th. Arriving in Hongkong at 1.30 p.m. on the 12th Dec. Had light variable winds throughout. On 26th Nov., spoke the S. S. Bowen bound for Sydney.

CARGO. Per S. S. Gwalior, sailed 6th December 1877 :- For London: from Canton, 20 bales Raw Silk, and 11 cases Silks; from Canton and Macao, 22,152 boxes containing 136,135 lbs. Congou, 267,864 lbs. Scented Caper, and 57,038 lbs. Sc. Or. Pekoe-Total 460,582 lb.; from Shanghai, 1,265 half-chests and 31 pkgs. Tea, 1,085 bales Raw Silk, 35 bales Waste Silk, and 2 cases Silks; from Yokohama, 299 bales Raw Silk. For Continent: from Canton, 256 bales Raw Silk, and 261 bales Cocoons from Shanghai, 20 half-chests Tea, and 661 bales Raw Silk; from Yokohama, 361 bales Raw Silk. For Boston: from Shanghai,

382 half-chests and 120 pkgs. Tea. POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS will close;— For SHANGHAL ...

Per HANKWANG, at 3.30 p.m. Tomorrow, the 18th inst. For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.-Per DOUGLAS, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst. For MANILA,-

Per ESMERALDA, at 11 80 a.m., on Friday, the 14th inst. For ILOILO.

Per Brig HIERONIMUS, at 2.80 p.m., on Friday, the 14th inst. For SAIGON.

Per MARCIA, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst. For Yokohama & San Francisco. Per CITY OF TORIO, at 11.80 a.m.

on Saturday, the 22nd inst., instead

of as previously notified. MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .--The French Contract Packet PEIHO will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 18th December. with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, eid Marseilles; to Salgon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras,

Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexantiria. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, do :--Wednesday, 12th Detember .....

Office closes except the Nient Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 18th December. 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sala

Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters coases. 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

may be posted on payment of a to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,

11.80 a.m., when the Post Office OLORES 141 Hongkong, November 29, 1877,

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

20th Instant. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. :-Wednesday, 19th Instant

5 P.M., Money Order Lince closes 6 P.M., Post Office dioses expent the Night Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 20th Instant

10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters comes. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with Postage till 11 A.M., When the Post Office CLOSES

A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindie, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage. 11.50 A.M. when the Mail is

MEMOS. FOR TO MORROW. Shipping

Hongkong, December 11, 1877.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports Calf and Europe.

#### General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, December 14:---Daylight.—Douglasleaves for Coast Ports Noon.—Esmeralda leaves for Manila. Noon.-Claims against the Sydenham. must be sent in to her Agents. 3 p.m.—Hieronimus leaves for Yloilo.

Transfer Books of the H. K. & C. Gas Co., Limited, closed from this date 27th Instant, inclusive. SATURDAY, December 15 :---

Tuesday, December 181-9 p.m.-Meeting of Victoria Lodge. THURSDAY, December 20:-

Sydenham leaves for London.

Noon,—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ld., closed from this date to 81st Instant, inclusive.

FRIDAY, December 21:--1 p.m.—Regatta commences,

SATURDAY, December 22:-Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, December 26:-Ocean leaves for Cooktown, &c., on or about this date.

Monday, December 31:-Noon.—Sale of Ground and Buildings at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room

Normanby leaves for Singapore, &c., on or about this date. FRIDAY, January 4:-

3 p.m.—Cocidental & Oriental S. S. Co. Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. Cuesday, January 15:---Claims against the Estate of James Smith

Ferries, deceased, must be proved on

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGRONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12, 1877,

Formosa (Mr G. M. H. Playfair), in his report for 1876, referring to the question of the introduction of a railway into the island, says the proposal is to connect North and South Bornous by rail-"This project is as yet in its infancy, and it is hard to prophecy whether the idea will ever be realised, for, owing to the peculiar character of the 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Country (viz., a plain intersected watercourses, at times some miles width, which during the rains become the beds of torrents fed from the mountains), the engineering difficulties will not be few, and the expense cannot fail to be considerable ---

It is probable that the construction of this line would cause a diminution in the export 11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) trade in shipping from this port during the prevalence of the north-east nonsoon, the cargo being sent instead to Keeling. shipped there, as ressels loading for Japan America, or the northern ports of Chins, are then obliged to go mund by the south

the voyage. During the south-west mon- a component part of the bulwark supporting line of the Prince and Princess of Roumania soon, on the other hand, when ships find beating down the Formess Channel difficult, The English Contract Packet THIBET and lying at Takow or Taiwan dangerous, will be despatched with the Mails for this being the typhoon season, their cargoes Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the might be unloaded at Keelung and sent down by rail.

There now seems to be little doub that the Woosung Railway is to removed to Formoss, unless indeed, the new Chinese Mining Company obtain | manship or a conception of skillful diplomacy, pessession of it for their operations in the far north, but, if taken to Formosa, of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and ning the 150 miles between Taiwan or Posting of all porrespondence. Takow and Keelung. The construction of a railway over 150 miles of such difficult country as that just described is pretty large undertaking, and probably will not be un fait accompli for another decade. Mr Playfair states that, in addition to the possible construction of the railway, Governor Ting is contemplating Joining Foochow and North Formosa by a submarine telegraph cable, the wire to be continued overland to the south of the island, presumably along the line of rail. The Acting Consu adds the rather singular, but doubtless true, remark: "I believe the introduction of the telegraph will not be viewed with much favour by the foreign mercantile community!" This is the first the general public have

heard either of the railway from the north to the south of the island, or of the submarine cable to Fochow. Mr Playfair observes, Formosa would seem to have been chosen as a corpus vils on which to experiment in order to determine the value of foreign inventions and, perhaps, how far the Chinese lower orders are prepared to submit to the introduction of the railway, the telegraph, and other innovations. We an nounced a few weeks ago the opening of the first telegraph erected in the island namely, a line of about 20 or 30 miles in length, constructed between Taiwan and Takow. The line is said to continue in good order and to give the Chinese officials great satisfaction. It appears be wholly worked by Chinese telegrapl clerks, who, it is said, can transmi messages in both French and English Other innovations and improvements introduced into the island are, the successful working of coal mines at Keelung by foreign machinery, the construction of new roads, the development of tea planting, the securing of sites for lighthouses (one on South Cape, and another on South-west Cape) and thorough re-organization of the ministration. Mr Playfair speaks very highly of Governor Ting. That official has, he says, shown himself a re markable man in many ways, and th consistent crusade, which, since his appointment to the Governorship, he has waged against official corruption of all kinds, has few parallels in the history of his country. The fact that the name of Li-Hung Chang is associated with that of Ting in the suggestion of some of the proposed improvements is evidence that the scheme is an imperial, and not puissant of Empires for aggressive war, she During the year 1876 the fort begun

merely a provincial one. at Anping was completed and armed. Its armament consists of five 18-ton Armstrong guns, which command approach to the port. Two forts were also constructed at Takow, one on each side of the entrance to the harbour. Towards the end of 1876 troops began to be brought to the island, and during the early months of the present year the arrivals increased in frequency and in numbers. The popular explanation was, Mr Playfair states, that an attack on Formosa was intended by Spain on account of claims relative to the Soverina, wrecked on the coast some twelve years ago. The men stationed at Taiwan Fu are drilled with great regularity, some in the English style, some after the French model: the instructors, however, are at present old Chinese. Now that the danger of a Spanish invasion appears to have passed over, it is thought that the Governor will use the troops against the aborigines, either as a means awing them into good behaviour or in actual warfare.

THE BALANCE OF POWER IN

EUROPE. So far as the raison d'être of the Conservative party in the espousal of the cause the Turks was in the light of an unselfish policy for the support of the principle of the Halance of Power, approval must be accorded. its course in preference of that pointed out by some of its opponents, who uphold abstention from intervention upon grounds of narrow convetous greed of commercial aggrandizement; a policy that contributes to the all-too-prevalent tendency toward materialism, which affords the Homish Church its most pointed weapons against the civilizing influences of Protestantism, while it weakens the bonds between the most progressive States. | colored with the fanciful or partaking of the The declared policy of the Ministry has romance of history and mythology. been the protection of British interests; but the more recent indications, -- following the developments, on the one hand of the latent or teserved power of Turkey, and on the other, of the measured force of Russia as April 24th? related to the other European Powers, -seem to show that concern for the Balance of concurrence in constituting

the principle of the Balance of Power whatever the apparent sacrifice of immediate gain. The raison d'étre of the Ministry, therefore, in initiating the Conferences at concern for the permanent Balance of Power, whether as an instinct of profound statesmerited and received the adhesion of the Russia and the assumed collapse of that of a name derived from his own." Turkey, it was an inherited and presently proper duty of England to stand in an attitude of protest against an exclusively selfish or practically aggressive policy on the part of Russia. But only on the condition of her correlative obligation to abstain from selfish aggrandizement herself, could England logically maintain such protest: - She could make, therefore, no exclusive appropriation of Egypt, of Candis or of Crete; without justifying the absorption of Holland or Denmark by Germany, of Belgium by France, of Switzerland by Austria and Italy, or of

Sweden by Russia. Whilst such are the reciprocal bonds of the fundamental policy of mutual restraint holding the Christian States of Europe to a brotherhood of divine institution, precluding protracted and brutalizing wars, it is obvious that in so far as Russia has been constrained by the natural impulses of her people toward support of the aggrieved of their own race and coreligionists against their hereditary and implacable foes, and by the diplomatic and physical resistance of Turkey to the formulated award of the Conferences participated in by all the great Powers of Europe. so far will she be entitled to compensate herself in the settlement of the new basis of enormous sacrifices she is making.

If these are measured by the telegraphic reports of her losses sent from Constantinople, it could hardly be denied to her to hold what conquests she may have made in Armenia a portion of the compensation; nor would such acquisitions so far restore her antebellum prestige as to justify remonstrance.

England has already gained in weight of more than Russia can attain by the greatest success yet possible to her arms in this war and standing upon the principle of th Balance of Power, as incomparably the most Denmark against Germany and of Belgium against France. In so proud a position she can afford to be just toward Russ.a. whilst she cannot relax the principle to her own advantage. teen months ago to-day I drew a coup d'æil of the Turkish Question, presenting the central point as follows:--"The Turk grasp of the Christians of his European provinces, at least: and thus Mohammedanism experience a material and moral check that subserves England's interests in India, whilst she does not appear in antagonism it. She neither forfeits her place as the champion of humanity, nor impairs her rule our Mohammedan subjects." On the 24 of April, I followed up the above foretelling of the war by briefly sketching the incidents of the interval and the outline of the consequences of the hostilities then just commenced, thus :-- "Bulgaria is to be annexed to Roumania, forming a confederation Bosnia is to be governed by an Austrian Archduke; Herzegovina is to be given to Montenegro; Sara-Servia annexed to Servia; Thessaly and Epirus to Greece; leaving to the Turks Constantinople and Roumelia. Russia's direct compensation being left for determination by the course of events. But now that the bloody drams has reached its third distinct phase in Asia and after a dead lock in Europe is again spreading over the mountains toward the fair fields of the south, there seems an approximation the conditions in which a disposition entertain the consideration of the terms settlement may not be long delayed. A little speculation in the possible solution may, therefore, be permitted; even if slightly

Why, then, wander to strange hypotheses when we have one at hand offering points mutually agreeable to England and to Russia in partial modification of the suggestion of

Why not move the great Powers to Power in Europe was the fundamental eles England, Duke of Edinburg and ment of their con ption of duty. Unquestionably it would be a profounder error for Hing and Queen of Turkey in Europe England to exhibit an exclusive and selfish thider the titles of Hing and Queen of The policy by holding herself wholly aloof from United Provinces of Byzantium: With the issue between Russia and Turkey, defic feinsinder to the line of the King and antly barring the Enxine and Euphrates, Queen of Greece, wherein also both England then to hold fast to her historically-inherited and Russia have a family interest; of if 4015 of the lefend, and thus sed to the length of schill sermons to the other European Powers, as others can claim priority to the letter, the from London's of a chill sermons to boyed

might succeed?

The elevation of Alfred and Consort would heal the animosities engendered during the expectant attitude of England, when she felt Constantinople and London in the sense of it incumbent to take precautions; and if we may heed the romance of history, is would seem eminently fit that England's favored Son of Neptune and his Spouse should reign at Constantinople, for we other Powers, Russia included; and it has are told of Byzantium in the classics:only been in the indications of a disposition "That it was founded by Byzas; who was, to pursus private or selfish ends, in a retalia- according to legend, a son of Neptune and tory spirit of estensible or affected concern Cercessa, the daughter of Io, and ruled over for exclusive British interests, that England's all the adjacent country: The meaning of position has been morally weakened as the myth appearing to be that a Thracian against France, Germany, Austria and Italy. prince having united himself in marriage Up to the point, therefore, of the disillusions with a Grecian female founded the city with regarding the so-called collossal power of the aid of a Greek colony and gave the place COSMOPOLITAN.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

H.M.S. Tamar was expected to leave ... Singapore for this port to-day.

n impudent robbery took place at Messra Lane, Crawford's & Co.'s store yesterday, the entire keys of the establishment which were kept in a cash-box having been quietly "lifted." Considerable inconvenience was the result, but the thief did not succeed in his object, although he probably thought that, as the cash-box implied the "cash," he had made a good haul. The keys were found by the Police in the lane adjoining the Supreme Court.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." West Point, Dec. 10, 1877.

SIR .- I write with the object of correcting

an unfounded assumption which particularly concerns not only myself but many other residents in this Colony. It is unwarrantably stated on very slender grounds that because for some years, saving the Roman Catholics, no one has ventured to express an adverse opinion concerning the Central School, therefore all others are agreed in the Balance of Power in the East for the their approval of this admirably managed institution. When we find a clergyman and a missionary coming forward (upon what grounds I have been quite at a loss to discover) and landing to the skies an institution so foreign, so inimical, to Christianity; and farther find that their utterances are taken as representative of the opinions of the classes to which they severally belong. I feel it is time to speak out plainly and unmistakeably, and so remove all misconception on this point. What I am about to say relates to measures, not to those engaged in the carrying of them out. moral and political prestige immeasurably My remarks simply refer to the Central School system, which in this discussion has been very improperly mixed up with the grant-in-aid scheme. The two are different and rival systems. The one absolutely and entirely excludes religious instruction, the other permits it. The praise which has Deen Destowed on the latter, in which al is the virtual protectress of Holland and have ever most heartily joined, belongs to that alone. If I am not mistaken, the working of that scheme has demonstrated already the present futility of the arguments which were freely used in 1869 against the possibility of giving a Christian education to the Chinese :- arguments which then seemed unanswerable, but which are now of very little weight or importance when hundreds are receiving voluntarily such an education in various mission schools. I am happy to say that I stand shall be compelled by others to relax his not alone, amongst my brother clergy, missionaries and Christian laymon of various denominations, in refusing to fall down and worship the golden image of secular instruction which H. E. Sir Richard G. MacDonnell set up. From the moment that I fully understood the principle of which the Central School was designedly the exponent I have made a point of keeping aloof from all identification with it. It seems to me that Missionaries of the cross, and Ministers of reformed Churches are as much in their place taking part in the prize-giving in Gough Street School as they would be in assisting at a grand function in Wellington St. Cathedral. Both institutions to my mind and to the mind of those as whose representative I labour here are equally and irreconcilably opposed to Scriptural and primitive Christianity. Discuss calmly, gravely and impartially the raison d'être of the Central School in Hongkong and the result must be its condemnation from any Christian stand-point. As a clergyman I can but regard with pity the youth who are receiving a godless. Christless, irreligious and unscriptural education at the hands of those who, giving freely the fruit of the tree of knowledge, may not also import of the tree of life. The God of revelation, His word, his service, his salvation are perforce un known wherever a system of purely secular teaching holds sway, I am not alone amongst the clargy in my abhorrence of a system so contrary to the commands of our Master. As a Missionary I hold it to be the very reverse of beloful, even in the alightest degree, towards Christianizing those who are its subjects. For the Imorant faith of the pagan, it substitutes the flippant self-conceit of the half-instructed infidel. Deprived of bis father's faith by the assaults of Western Science he is incredulous as to the existence of a better oreed, concerning which his Christian teachers never dared to utter a word. am not the only Missionary in Hongkong who looks upon purely accular instruction

as thoroughly anti-phristian. And as an Englishman looth to think that my native land is aught but a Christian country, I see in this School, squally with those at home of the same kind, a standing diagrams to our common Christianity, the proclamation to the world that as a people we do not believe in the creed which we profess at individuals. I am thankful to say that several amongst my fellow-sountrymen in this Colony syree with me here also. I am quite aware that these are considered impracticable opinions. Government we are told must educate i by all means I say, only let it provide what is really Education. A pious donot of old left provision for the gift to every boy attending the Grammar, Bohool of the warish (not a hundred miles

tended being a cloth garment for covering soner a great injustice. fulfilled to the letter the founder's intention. It a task of too much delicacy and other persons. moral, and spiritual parts of the Mental pared to swear that it was not possible. upon the intellectual head, and calling this ly, of the letters. education! The result is about as satis- Mr Lister said he was not. It was factory as would be the fitting of so many barely possible. He (Mr Lister) said he costume. Doubtless some would be found Post Office, were ready at the annual parade to pronounce and spiritual part of the garment of Chris- entitled to his discharge. tian lands. Credat Judquis non ego. I believe that Englishmen still desire as a to one remand: a Magistrate could remand people that in some way or another religion a case as often as he thought reasonable. For eighteen centuries the Christian bim for one week, admitting him to ball Church has blended inseparably religion in two house-holders of \$200 each. with moral and intellectual training, and

the "superstition" of so doing is not deatroyed yet, spite of the Government prophecy five years since of its speedy end. Christianity is the true leaven to pervade and blend into one the diverse characteristics of human nature. There are many counterfeits, the most dangerous being that intellectual instruction whose greatest triumph is to make Buddhist, Romanist, Parsee, Jew and Confucianist sit at the same desk with Protestants in unhallowed union over class books from which the Redeemer's name has been erased. This exclusion is not neutrality, it is hostility. It is a decision in favour of those who believe nothing, against those who believe the truth. It may, with polite subservioncy be called a "blessing" by those wh consider religion a mere apparage of the State: but to those who regard it as an essential in daily life, this simply secular instruction will ever appear one of the worst evils. Let the State go on if it will, usurping in its educational efforts the true office of the Church, the dragon's teeth so nown will assuredly one day germinate with unexpected results. A century since the world learned what ignorance and irreligion can effect in the way of destruction, but we have yet to see the outburst of trained intellect, apart from the gentle iufluences of religion, casting away the restraints of packthread morality, the fear of the policeman and the courts of justice. and wreaking its mad rage against all that is holy, good and true. In writing thus disclaim all desire of pulling down the Central School: rather would I see amended so as to be equal to the really good work which would then be for it a possibility. And so far am I from desiring to arrogate for any one Church a right over another. that with Archer Buller I would rejoice over the Christian teaching of the most

> Remain. Sir. your &c. A. B. HUTCHINSON, OM B.

wayward sectary as infinitely preferable to

the religious nihilism which now unhappily

prevails. Having thus expressed my own

opinions and those of some who like myself

disapprove of and are dissatisfied with the

system of which the Central School is the

outcome. I bid adieu to the subject, and

SPORTING. (To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.") Hongkong, Dec. 12, 1877. Sir -It may interest some of your sporting readers to learn that Ponies have at last commenced to arrive, to be trained for

our next Race Meeting. Yesterday I saw three, evidently just landed. Two of them, (a white and iron grey) are nice-looking Griffins, and I imagine that they come from Mongolia, as they have the usual long hair and tail, and also the unmistakeable Mongolian Mark.

The other was a Pony that has already run, "The Doctor," but what he is brought back for, it is difficult to say, as (whatever his Owner thinks), his forte is not winning | hov

> I am, Sir, A ROAD WALKER.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates sitting.) 12th Dec. 1877.

ALLEGED EMB ZZLEMENT. Tsang Teo Chun, head messenger or office boy in the General Post Office, was again charged on remand.

Mr H. L. Dennys appeared to watch the sheet; if the charge on the charge-sheet was case on behalf of the accused. Mr Lister was substantiated, well and good; if not, whatagain called and further deposed :-- I pro- ever charge cropped up would be proceeded posed placing a man in the box as a witness with. If he (Mr May) remained here for who is known in the Post Office as No. 8 | the next twenty-five years he would conpostman; his name is Kwong Wing. The | tinue the practice. last time I saw him was on Monday after. The examination was then proceeded with. noon (the 10th instant); he was then in the The prisoner and witness were both in the Post Office, and I had some conversation Post Office. Witness was at one table and with him about this case, and in consequence | the prisoner at the other; witness had of what I said to him I expected to see him | a bundle of letters the stamps of which had at this Court, at 9 o'clock yesterday morn- | been obliterated, and amongst them he ing. He did not come here; was called found one that had not been oblitebut did not appear. I have not seen him rated. It was witness duty to take -since, he has absented himself from his out letters for Bombay and arrange duty and owes 62 cents to the office. The them in position on a table for examina-62 cents should be handed in on Friday tion. The letter be found unobliterated evidence forthcoming, they were ductioned next. He is not secured; the compra- was a small one, it had 2 or 8 stamps on it. and discharged. dore is responsible for the coolies, that is He took it to the prisoner's table and to say no poolle would be employed that he obliterated it; the prisoner saw him, and did not recommend, but there is no monetary said "Why did you spoil that letter I" security. The No. 3 coolie was employed Every table, except witness, had one of specially with Indian letters. I have made the stamps used for obliterating. Witness every possible efforts to find him. I have did not reply to the prisoner's question. not instructed the Police to find him. I Mr Lister then put a leading question maker to examine the boilers, and when he searched his box and found nothing of to the witness, to which Mr Dennys object went over there it was found that the boiler part, and Mr Gillies was the Crown witness. title of the "Invincible Army." Surviving value except some registered letter receipts | ed, and Mr May admitted that the object had been pulled to pieces. He (Mr Francis) which he would have handed in next Fri- tion was proper. day. Without the evidence of the absentee | Witness continued -He took the letter for the delivery of whatever parts of the ordinary vigilance from these men, but invited by the Khedive to aid him in his I have no charge against the prisoner, ex- back to his (witness's) own table. Prisoner | boiler may be required. He would also you are here, your Worship, to find Central African designs; with what results cepting in so far as that he could not have I never said anything more to witness. got hold of the letters without the know- Mr Dennys at this stage asked that the boiler, as the Jury might wish to examine dinary skill and care. If Your Worship meeting him at Cairo, as he passed home on ledge of the prisoner or two others of his prisoner be discharged on this charge, unless it. immediate superiors. I should ask you to Mr Lister was prepared to produce further Mr Sharp said he had no objection to flud it is perfectly clear that the prisoners his return early in 1877, when he presented issue a warrant for the apprehension of the evidence. No. B coolis.

Mr May said he could not do that unless he heard before and what he now heard | delayed. Mr Lister could show that he had any was very different. specific charge.

he should like to have the prisoner re- faith. Esined in oustody,

Mr Dennys said he strongly objected to somer. Discharged accordingly, but ad | San A Kwal was then called -1 was are as good as the day they were put in. to that which he now has set out to terminate, any such procedure; he said there was not mitted to bail on the first charge for one a freman employed on the S. S. Tess. I Mr Bernard has been secusioned to these wis, to weld together under one government a tittle of evidence against the prisoner | week

him; the Endowed Schools Commission If Mr Lister was prepared to say that he found that whilst at first this meant a good | could positively produce the absentee on sult of clothes it had latterly been reduced Friday, he (Mr Dennys) would not object, to a muffin cap which it was gravely con- but otherwise it would be doing the pri-

Mr May said that he understood Mr So with regard to the covering which Lister to say that the coolie could not have Government undertakes to provide for the got possession of the letters without the mental nakedness of the Chinese. Finding knowledge of the prisoner or ene of two

difficulty to adjust garments to the Mr Dennys asked if Mr Lister was pre-Body, it confines its attention to fitting the (Mr Dennys) would not say probable, for Western head-gear of secular instruction the coolie to have got possession, felenious.

chimney-pot hats upon the heads of the believed the No. 3 coolie had left the four hundred scholars who should mean colony. He had quarters in the Post Office. while retain their otherwise eastern He had been employed 5 or 6 years at the the streets to the annoyance of passengers, Mr Dennys said he would like to call the

the incongruous result "the leaven" to attention of the Court to the practice of unite England and China-to tell the Magistrates with regard to remands. It was pupils that they would find their new not usual to remand a case for more than ing and more essential portions, the moral that time, the prisoner was undoubtedly above offence.

Mr May said that practice only applied shall be an element in Imperial education. He did not think he would be justified in It would be strange were it otherwise. discharging the prisoner, but would remand

ANOTHER CHARGE.

The prisoner was then charged with at tempting to steal postage stamps from letter addressed to Bombay, on or about the 8th of November.

Alfred Lister, sworn :- I am Postmaster General: the prisoner is head messenger It is part of the duty of the prisoner to obliterate the stamps of letters which weigh and examine, and this he does under my own observation, but if I was suddenly called away he would be left by himself. My attention has been recently called to wholesale robberies of obliterated stamps from letters already examined, passed sorted, and put up in the bags. These obliterated stamps I have reason to believe have been stolen, I have no doubt, as a step towards the stealing of clean ones.

Mr Dennys objected to this sort of evidence. He (Mr Dennys) did not think witness ought to offer an opinion as to the intention of whoever stole those obliterated. "If you will not strike this out (he said) I ask that your Worship will note my objec-

The examination was then continued i-The Singapore Post Office had called my at tention to the fact that bundles of letters had reached there from this place with stamps of a trifling value only on them, and they had evidently had the stamps taken off them. Several covers have been sent to me, but I have not got them now; I can and no doubt will get them again.

Mr Dennys objected to this and said that such evidence was not at all fair to the prisoner. It did not in any way that he (Mr Dennys) could see connect the prisoner with stealing clean stamps—this evidence obliterated stamps; and he strongly objected to any evidence regarding them. did he not charge the prisoner with stealing obliterated stamps?

Mr May said he could do so.

Mr Dennys: "Then, why does he not do Witness here corrected himself. envelopes were not sent to him from Singspore, but were handed to him by a Chinese compradore here (bearing the Hongkong and Singapore Post-marks) who had received them from his correspondent.

Mr Dennys: "Where will this stop!" Witness continued: Your Worship, I can say that from my own technical knowledge am prepared to say that the stealing of obliterated stamps is invariably the precursor of the stealing of clean stamps. sent the envelopes to the Singapore Post Office and expect they will be forthcoming here shortly. For some weeks past my attention has been called to the prisoner's tendency to hurry on work which was legitimately my own work. I did not attribute this to any dishonest intention, but attributed his alacrity to over-zeal. I had

every confidence in the prisoner. Chu Ahee, the No. 1 Postman, was then called :- I am employed at the Post Office. The prisoner is known to me, he is office

Mr Dennys asked that the witness evidence should be interpreted in short

Witness resumed :-- About two months ago when the English mail was going away. Mr Dennys said he would ask that th evidence should be confined to the charge. The prisoner was distinctly charged with stealing stamps from a letter on the 8th or 12th of Nov., and here was a witness speaking of something which occurred two months ago.

Mr May said it did not matter what the prisoner was charged with on the charge

Mr May said he must discharge the pri- may be required.

drunk and did not know what had ocwere very sorry for it.

A DECIDED NUISANCE. Several washerwomen were summoned for allowing wet clothes to be hung across and were fined 10 cents each or 6 hours'

John Oldbury, a seaman belonging to acquisition a great "blessing" and the eightdays, and unless Mr Lister was prepared H. M. S. Victor Emanuel, was fined 50 fittest preparation for assuming the remain- to produce his witness by the expiration of cents and to pay 10 cents chair-hire for the

> UNLAWFUL POSSESSION. was fined 40 shillings or 21 days' hard 20 lbs. by the mercurial gauge. labour for unlawful pessession.

Mr May discharged him.

A HUNGRY THIEF. he was very hungry, and he looked so: Four previous convictions were proved

ced him to two months' hard labour.

AN IMPUDENT SERVANT. J. d'Almada e Castro, a clerk employed of tapping. at the Government Office and residing at No 3 Hollywood Road, was charged as to replace the tray. Defendant was dis- most experienced engineers in the Colony, ness and his wife, and threatened to drag left his house to go to the office, and defen- happened, which caused the death of Tang dant followed, obstructing the way and using | Asam and others. The duties of Mr Bernard very insulting language. Witness told his did not appear to be onerous, but were servants to direct the defendant to go to his extremely light; he had in fact little or again went to witness' house and entered the machinery and see that all was in his bedroom, at the same time making use order. If the boiler is not strong, the of most violent and offensive language. He whole machinery is rendered dangerous Station. Witness said he was very mild extra diligent. The second prisoner was none mon him if he chose. Defendant replied under his especial care, and if anything that he would not go, but would wait was wrong should have reported it till witness had dressed and then drag him | the Chief or to Douglas Laprail & Co defendant became still more violent and called out 'Tah.'

complainant had only paid \$1.50 for three to cents for one.

Mr May sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour, and ordered him to find security at the expiration of the sentence in one householder to keep the peace for 8 months.

The remanded case in which Li Ayan. fisherman, and Wong A Ying, a hawker. were charged by Sergeant Grant with being found in a boat with arms under suspicious circumstances, came on again to-day before Mr Russell but there being no further

THE " YESSO" CATASTROPHE. CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST THE

ENGINEERS. Mr Francis said that he should like to mention that he got a professional boiler-

have been a preman fer the less to week, wound stars, said it is natural to suppose, the scattered outlying provinces, and more

Privates belonging to H. M.'s 28th Regt., duties of a fire van. I remember the exposed. Again, it was not so easy of than Egypt. were charged with being drunk and dis- morning of the accident. When we detection as Mr Sharp says; you might go orderly in a brothel. They struck the commenced raking out the fires the litto the boller twenty times, without see-Inspector of Brothels (William Horton) Second Engineer latered off the Isteam ing the defect unless your attention was who tried to induce them to leave the house. The Chief Engineer kept no watches; he specially called to it. The greatest presquietly, and kloked one of the girls in the would have a look round, at night time; I sure is in the neighbourhood of these stays, house. The second defendant, the Inspectmen by night time 10, 12, and sometimes and I maintain that it would be totally tor said, was the worst. It took two Kuro. I o'clock. I have seen the Chief Engineer Impossible for an engineer to find out the pean Constables to take them to the Police in the stokehole once or twice during a defect unless his attention was specially Station. The defendants said they were voyage. The firemen cleaned out the drawn to the spot. Mechanical action was boilers and the Third Engineer supering the agency to blame for this rapid correcurred; if they did anything wrong, they tended. The Third Engineer always went sion. There are appalling accidents every into the bollers. They were cleaned about day, bollers bursting and other dreadful four times during the year? The last time things, with great loss of life, and yet we they were cleaned was in the latter part of never hear of any one being sent to September; both boilers were cleaned out. I trial for manslaughter. I could recite The manner of cleaning was going inside a thousand cases: there was the gathered up and thrown out.

ed altogether 5 or 6 years as fireman in The first prisoner is a man who has borne to contain a quantity (about 88 catties) from the tube. The last time it was done says there would be no danger in weighting of sheet lead. The 2nd defendant was was 3 months ago. The times I saw the the safety valve to 80lbs, with the stays as subsequently apprehended, and admitted Chief Engineer on duty were when I was sound as the rest of the boilers. It does that he had hired the 1st defendant to on watch; I would not see him go down if not follow that he would put 80 lbs. discharged the 1st defendant, and the 2nd there is about 20 lbs. of steam. I mean pends on speed, vessels sometimes will

went into the stoke hole when the steamer | they were, and they should have been at Andrew Lascen, a seaman unemployed, came alongside the wharf. The 2nd Engl- a more obtuse angle with the end plate. was charged on the 10th instant with being neer followed me down. There were about The first prisoner was not superintending excessively drunk. He appeared to be in 4 or 5 inches of water shown in the glass of the building of these bollers, he was rundanger of delirium tremens, so Mr May the water gauge. I have known the stick | ning in the Yesso at the time and was thus remanded him until to-day (the 12th inst.) in the mercurial gauge to very often become deceived. It was the duty of the Dock He was meanwhile taken to the Captain of stationary owing to its being clogged. the Belgic, as he said that he could get There is a good deal of dust flying about in | bollers, and I think it hardly in accordance a passage in her. When brought up to-day the stoke-hole, especially when we are with the usual fairness of my friend Mr drawing fires. Sometimes some of the mer. Sharp to say that Mr Bernard was present cury would be lost when removed, but the when these boilers were being built. Second Engineer would put some more in. Mr Francis then rose, and on behalf of Cheng Asan, a coolie, was charged with The Engineer would call down the stoke his client, said he quite agreed with his stealing a piece of pork which was hanging hole, referring to the pressure of steam; outside a shop at Taipingshan. The owner | "Keep it all the same," and one of the of the pork said that the defendant said firemen would then jump up and make a observed that, if the Court was already mark with red chalk on the mercurial decided to send the case for trial, it would nevertheless he (witness) gave him into gauge. It was not that we could not read the gange that we put the mark, but so that we should remember the engineer's against the defendant, so Mr May senten- order. One of the boilers was generally cleaned here and the other at Foothow. The mercurial gatige would sometimes jump up and down 2 or 8 inches. The Tam A-ngan, a chair coolie, employed by | boilers were always cleaned by the method | ted for trial, but admitted to bail as before.

Mr Sharp then rose and said that this closed the case for the Crown, and if he follows. Mr Almada e Castro sworn said had called a number of witnesses, he was about 75 cents, Witness paid the defend- their evidence in a very clear and straightant his wages in full last month, but forward manner. The first prisoner was, told bim that he should expect him as a Chief Engineer, one of the oldest and charged on the 10th instant and was not and there was therefore no excuse in his Australia, states that the ship Brunswick. a summons, when witness told him to do in and must have been perfectly acquainted boats 800 miles off the port. so. On the morning of the 11th the defen- with their condition, and the evidence An inquiry has been commenced, as to dant went to witness's house with his went to shew that he ought to have taken the fire on the Ly-ec-Moon. The evidence security; the latter understood all about these ballers under his especial care. Any so far shews that there was no fire on board the matter, and at defendant's request a properly-qualified Engineer would have the steamer on Saturday night or Sunday dollar was handed to the security, who was known that square stays require more careto buy a similar tray to the one broken, ful supervision and corrode sooner than The defendant returned to the witness' round ones. He had the choice of his own house about 9 a.m. and used most insulting officers, and Messrs D. Lapraik & Co. left and highly improper language to both wit- this to him, as they depended on his advice. Did he know of any negligence on their parts witness to the Police Station, if he did not at | it was his duty to report to the owners, but once pay the balance of his wages. Witness he neglected to do this, and a sad accident security. This morning the defendant nothing to do, his sole duty being to visit (defendant) said he had nothing to do with | flad he gone into the boilers he must have his security, and if witness did not pay seen the state they were in. He seemed to him, he would drag him (witness) to the have drawn high pay and should have been with him, and told him to go and sum- the less guilty, as he had the boilers to the Station. After witness had dressed. who would have had all necessary repairs done. With regard to the safety valve. no care seems to have been taken, and the Defendant denied the charge: he said evidence we have heard shows that it is that he only begged for his wages. The necessary to lower it as the boilers grow older, which had not been done. He trays, and therefore he should only charge would not occupy the time of the Court any longer; the case had already occupied a considerable time. He would ask His Worship to commit both the prisoners for

year there was a similar case which came has in him the stuff out of which great defended the prisoners in that case. Ladvis- I made—has proved it already; and if he lives, ed that they be not sent to trial, but you and is not thwarted in his settled purpose by yourself sent them to trial, and what was treachery or death, will be very apt the considuence? An intelligent special achieve it. He has gone to the Soudan, have been much more appalled. In this sobriquet of "Chinese Gordon," when case the boiler is a perfectly strong one, as conjunction with two American officers

and hammering the plates; and then taking of the Thunderer and others of a like water and washing them out. The rust nature, in H. M.'s Navy, where they was knocked off and collected together, | are known to give the greatest attention and skill to their work; in fact, serious By Mr Brereton :- I have been employ- accidents are frequent in H. M.'s Navy. H. M. S. Victor Emanuel, was fined 50 the Yesso. The mercurial gauge has been an excellent character for the last 9 or 10 there the whole time. It was used for years. No neglect of duty can be alleged measuring steam; the way it indicates against him, nor was he indulging in his the measurement is by the rising of a own pleasureable pursuits at the time stick, and if it rises to figure 1, that is one of the accident. If Mr Gilles, with his Wong Ahi, a coolie, and Au Acheung, a lb.; if to 2, two lbs; and so on. I know knowledge of mechanical action, had been hawker, were charged as follows: Chinese there is mercury inside the pipe because in charge of these boilers I have no doubt Constable (No. 169) said that at about 2 I have taken it out to clean the pipe. This he would soon have found out the defect; p.m. yesterday he saw the first defendant was done two or three times a year. The but who is Mr Gillies? he is a man who has carrying two baskets which apparently con- Second Engineer ordered me to do so. been engaged all his life on engineering tained something heavy. He (witness) It used to be put into a soup plate whilst | works, he has, besides having been 8 years to stopped him, and he said he had been the pipe was being cleaned and then poured ses, been in charge of a Dock Company for hired by a man to carry the baskets. back. He did not take it into his hand over 10 years and of course has met with en-On opening them they were found first, but poured it direct into the plate gines of various descriptions. Mr Gillies carry the baskets. In defence 2nd defend. I was not on duty. It is usual to reduce of steam on this boiler, but it might on ant said he bought the lead from a the fires on coming into port. Before we an emergency be necessary to have a boatman; he could not find him. Mr May draw the fires altogether we generally see great pressure. At times every thing denot steer without great speed, and Mr Gil-By Mr Francis:—It was not my watch lies says that the stays should if flat have when the steamer came into port. I only at least been double the thickness to what Company to look after the building these

friend Mr Brereton that, If the case went to a Jury, it would fall through, be utterly useless for him (Mr F.) to say anything to detain the Court.

Mr May said he would have to send the case for trial. He had listened to what Mr Brereton had to say, but the case was one of far too grave a nature for him to settle off hand. The prisoners would be commit-

Australian Items.

The British Consul at Samos levied a that the defendant was employed by him sure that it was not only necessary for the fine of 30,000 dollars on the Native Govas a chair coolie. During last month he prosecution but also for the benefit of the erument, for the collision with the Baraccidentally broke a Japanese tray valued prisoners. The witnesses had all given racouta, and for insulting Commodore Hoskings. Pending the decision of the thus uncertain when the unscientific but-Imperial Government the island is being chery will end. At Constantinople every held as security.

A bottle found on the coast of Western paid the full amount of wages due, and the not knowing the duties devolving upon him. coal and water logged, was dismantled in even children are dressed in uniform, as defendant then said he would take out He was present when the boilers were put July last. Sixteen of the crew were in formerly French boys were clad as Zouaves

morning; and the burning of the vessel could not be accounted for.

Trickett has declined to row Rush at the Balmain regatta, owing to business engage-

GORDON PACHA. Gordon Pacha is a man of middle height, sparely but strongly built, and giving little indication of the strength, both of sinews and constitution, which has beene him so far unscathed through so many hardships, and the African swamps, where the "pestilence

walketh at noonday," and wherein so many

of his pioneers have laid their bones.

Neither in face nor in figure does he carry any traces of his conflicts with the treacherous climate and more treacherous human wild beasts among whom he had passed the two preceding years. Even his complexion, still comparatively fresh and fair, gave no hint of the kisses of the sun of Central Africa: and his eye was clear and bright as though he had come from promenading on the shady side of Pall Mall. He is quite vouthful in appearance, with regular features and dark-brown hair. His bearing is not that of a military man, he affects no martial stride or measured step, but walks very rapidly, looking neither to right nor left, in seeming abstraction, with head a little advanced, and with a slight stoop of the shoulders, his eyes cast on the ground. One who had never seen him before, would mistake him rather for an author, intent on -Mr Brerston then rose and said that he | embodying an idea or fugitive thought, than did not agree with his friend Mr Sharp the cool and intrepid explorer of African that the case should be sent for trial; there | wilds, the self-possessed ruler of African was no evidence to prove negligence. Last savages. Yet this modest, unassuming man before the Court and he (Mr Brereton) explorers and successful rulers of men are Jury acquitted them. That was a much clothed with absolute power as relates to the worse case than this although, fortun- governing of that province, which extends ately, only one life was lost, but that was from the first cataract to the Equator. All by a miracle. Had the loss of life been as the world knows the incidents of his earlier great as in this case, the community would career, and how and why he received the the evidence of Mr Gillies shows. Fur resound the "Flowery Empire" from its ther these stays were the only defective rebels, and gave the army he commanded the After an accident has occurred it is easy to his comrades, Burgevins and Ward. Gordon would ask for an order from His Worship assign a cause. You cannot expect extra- reaped a rich harvest of renown, and was ask that nothing further be done to the out if these men have used their or is also well known. I had the pleasure of will look into the case carefully, you will his brief conge at the close of 1876, and on offer to this, but he did not think it fair are not to blame. The first prisoner has his ultimatum to the Khediye, and was Mr Lister said he had not. The story that the steamer should be unnecessarily been used to American bollers all his life, given all and even more authority than he and Mr Gillies has sworn that round demanded, within a few days after his Mr May said he had no doubt that every aters are invariably put into these bollers, arrival; leaving shortly after to assume his Mr Dennys said he was sure Mr Lister faulity would be afforded to the Police by This fact leads to the inference that new functions, as governor-general for life Mr Lister said, in reply to Mr May, that brought the charge forward in perfect good the owners of the vessel, and inspector the old boilers had round stays, and of all the Khedive's actual or potential Grimes had better see to getting whatever I can show that they were round. The equatorial possessions. His work in Central White Cloud's hotler stays are round, and Africa, thus far, has been simply preparatory

ld have been employed on board the Yesso that he would be totally ignorant of the recent acquisitions loosely termed. The Bernard Feehlly and John Hackett, several times. My dutter were the usual corresion to which flat stays would be Soudan; a territory larger and more populous

PARIS ITEMS.

During the last few days of the elections, political passions ran very high among the troupes of the various theatres; for actors, like cobblers and lawyers, are proverbially born politicians; at least it is so in this land. During the interludes of the plays, some performers had pitched battles, in several cases blows were exchanged, and if interrapted by the prompter's call, the account was balanced, when the "wanted" came back. Happily the audiences were as excited as the artistes. In the green-rooms of the French theatres, quite a special public is to be met with; such places are the rendezvous for all the newsmongers and wits of Paris; they are the places canards are hatched, and even reputations made, or torn to pieces. The green room now, supplies the place of the salon of other days, less its coteries, and of course, refinements. But as a School of Scandal, not much difference exists between the two institutions.

The companies that contract for the wall and boarding posting of Paris, intend giving their employes—the bill-stickers,—a dinner, in consequence of the effective manner in which they executed their work during the last ten days and nights-the latter period particularly. Perhaps the most extraordinary part of their duties is, the scrubbing away of the posters; these had not left a wreck behind, the day after

The National Library of Paris has adopted the system of tubing a reader's written demand for a book; the document is sent through the tube like the telegrams, to a central spot, and then forwarded to its destination. Well-known Dryasdusts are allowed to mount the ladders, and help themselves to the volumes required. Next month the electric light is to be tried in the large reading room; if successful, there being no danger from fire, the institution can be kept open till ten o'clock, for the

The pawn offices at all events, appear to be doing a roaring trade; the central depots have again to be enlarged to accommodate pledges. Indeed there is much misery abroad, and confidence apparently nowhere exists. If it be true, that when matters come to the worst they mend, the worst moment has all but arrived. The Figure as usual, threatens us all with a Coup d'Etat, only not for the moment, but we must be goody-goody people.

The revenue returns are bad, going down the hill: nothing is more curious and instructive, than the tabulated evidence, that month by month, since the government that now rules came into office in May last, the deficit has dwindled down from a quarterly surplus of 13 millions, to a positive deficiency of 61; economical writers estimate the total loss to the Treasury at 40 millions for the nine months ending 80th Sept. last.

The first serious check experienced by the Turks in Asia Minor is not considered by the French as at all likely to bring about a peace; it rather will compel the Turks to rely solely on their excellent system of defensive warfare, and so continue to protect with honor their faith and their country against the ambition and dismembering projects of Russia. It is man is qualifying to be a soldier; there the military, according to French correspondents, has superseded the civil costume; or Spahis. Paris exports immense quantities of war-toys to Turkey, which has no more difficulty in procuring money than men; but then Islam is richer and more populous than the Slav world. By spring, Turkey can place half a million of men in the field, and if these be not soldiers they will make as good food for powder as the raw levies of her antagonist.

Quotations. HONGKONG, December 12, 1877. OPIUM.--New Patna, cash....\$640 Old Patna, cash.... None New Benares, cash, 610 Old Benares, cash, None New Malwa, cash, credit, 725 Allowance Taels. ---Old Malwa. cash, credit. 745 Allowance Taels, -Exchange. Bank. on demand. ... ... 8/10# 30 days' sight. 6 months' aight, ... 3/118 Documentary, 6months sight, .. 4/ Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 224 Calcutta. Shanghal, demand, ... ... 728 Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., Gold Leaf, ... English Sovereigns. Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.06 Discount, ... ... ...

Bhares. Hongkong Bank, 57 % prem. Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,100 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,850 Chinese Insurance Co., \$257 Yangtese Ins. Assoc., Tis. 650 North China Ins. Co., Tls. 860 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$685 China Fire Ins. Co., \$175 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 9 % die. H.K. O. & M. S.-boat Co., 20 dis. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 26 Hongkong Gas Co., \$75 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$58 Chinese Imperial Loan, £104

Temperature. (Taken at Mesers Balconer & Co.'s Promises Queen's Road.) HONGKONG, December 12, 1877.

THERMOMETER-9 A.M.... Do. 4 P.M.... Do. (Wet bulb) 9-A.M. 08 Do. Do. 1 P.M. Do. Do. 4 P. u. Do. Maximum ... Do. Minimum over night

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES modes!MARITIMES.A PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA POINT DE GALLE, ADEN: SUEZ; ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES:

Also, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CAL-CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

IN THURSDAY, the 18th December. 1877, at Noon, the Company's 8. S. PEI-HO, Commandant LECOINTRE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and OARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marsellles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th December, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office. H. DU POUEY,

Agent. Hongkong, December 3, 1877.



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Sues, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona. Venice. Mediterranean Ports. Southampton, and London.

Bombay. Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

FIRE PENINSULAR-AND ORIENTAL STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship THIBET, Captain Torbook, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 20th December, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1877.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY. THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING

AT YOROHAMA, AND SAN BRANCISCO. FITHE U. S. Mall Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will be despatched for San

Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-DAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Through Bills of Lading issued for tran-

sportation to Yokohama and other Japan Forts, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers. Through Passage Tickets granted

England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers. A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted t OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY. AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMIS.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 21st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central. RUSSELL & Co . Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877. Decidental & Oriental Steam-

Ship Company. TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND

PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, EM DELM MOISOCKHOD ES CHNTRAL दगर्व

THION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING BAILROAD COMPANIES ASD . . .

ATTANTIO STEAMERS.

HILL B. S. "GABLIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 4th January, 1878, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghal. Freight will be received on Board until &p.m. of the 8rd January, 1878. PARCEL PAUKAGES will be received at the Office tintil 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value

of same is required. A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-

SAGE TIOKETS. For further information as to Freigh or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Dompany, No. 87, Queen's Road Control. G. B. EMORY, Agent, Hongkong, December 12, 1877.

For Sale.

COA L DEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM OOAL for Sale, ex Godownia. Apply to

BATTLES & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

FOR SALE.

CIECTIONS B & C of INLAND LOT No. 51, Area 9880 Square Feet With the 7 DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon, Nos. 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, and 47. WYNDHAM STREET. Annual Orown Rent, \$105,

INLAND LOT, No. 90, Measuring to the North 80 ft. ) Area South 88 , ( 14,720

East 201,, (Square West 167 .. With the 4 DWELLING erected thereon.

2 Fronting Gough STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD. Annual Crown Rent, \$174.64.

For particulars, apply to J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.,

Hongkong, December 1, 1877.

FOR SALE, SHAMEEN CANTON.

FTHE Desirable PROPERTY kwown as Lor No. 46, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILK GODOWN.

For particulars, apply to G. M. SMITH,

Canton. October 15, 1877.

#### Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. TAR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE. HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COM-MISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Business of SHARE and GENE RAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN & HEATON, Mr ALEXANDER MAGGLASHAN HEATON having This Day become a PARTNER therein.

CHAS. C. COHEN. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTIOE.

F HAVE This Day admitted Mr WILLIAM LEGGE as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGGE.

W. KERFOOT-HUGHES. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

ATR. JAMES AYTON MANN is authorized to Sign our Firm by Procura-

GEPP & Co.

Canton, November 1, 1877.

NOTICE Have This Day Established myself at this Port as MERCHANT and GENE.

RAL COMMISSION AGENT: W. SCHRIEVER

Haiphong, November 9, 1877.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL. MENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March. 1878, to the Secretary of the Honegong HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply

By Order of the Directors,

any information required.

LOUIS HAUSOHILD. Secretary. Hongkong, September 15, 1877. anl

W. BALL. CHINA DISPENSARY,

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PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876,

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. IN LIQUIDATION,

SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL 66 A the Rate of FIVE TABLE, per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst. Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders of their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th

Instant, inclusive. By Order, BUSBELL & Co.,

Skanghal, October 2, 1877.

Intimation TWENTY SECOND MEETING

FRIDAY 21st and 22md December, 1877. and the most average in PATRON SOUR

HIS EXCELENCY JOHN POPE HEN. NESSY, O.M.G. VIOR-PATRON.

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COMMODORS WATSON, R.N. STEWARDS: H. B. Gibb, Esq. Hon, W. Keswick, W. H. FOREES, Esq. Hon. Col BASSANO. H. Horrius, Kaq. i. C.B.

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FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE. -- 1 P.M. Junior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China and Japan.

SECOND RACE.-1.30 P.M. For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commis sioned Officers and Man of any Regimen or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance 11. First Prize \$15; Second, \$5. Out-rigged Boats exoluded.

THIRD RACE. -- 2 P.M. The "Chairman's Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One mile and a half. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE .- 2.80 P.M. For Men-of-War Gigs and Whalers, Dis tance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE, -- 3 P.M.

LADIES' PURSE." For Single Pair Scul ling Boats. Distance One Mile. En trance \$5. SIXTH RACE. -8.30 P.M. For House Boats and Gigs pulled by China-

Distance One Mile. Entrance 21. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Cars, 6 seconds per Oar. SEVENTH BACE. 4 P.M. International Race. "Challenge Cup"presented by the Merchants of Hongkong

-for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. be won two consecutive years before being Distance One Mile. Entrance SAILING RACE.

For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, YACHT RACE.

For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented.

SECOND DAY. SATURDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE 1 P.M. for Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and out-rigged Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE, -1.80 P.M. For House Boats and Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance 11. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE. -2 P.M. Members' Cup "-presented by Members "The Victoria Recreation Club"for Four-Cared Canton Cutters. tance One Mile and a half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded ......

FOURTH RACE. =- 2.80 P.M. For Men-of-War Cutters. Distance One

Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars. FIFTH RADE. -- S P.M. Senior Sculls. Cup presented by the Par-Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

See Community. Distance One Mile.
Entrance \$5. Winner of the Ladies.

Hougkong, August 24, 1977.

Purse excluded. SIXTH RACE - 8.80 P.M. Members of the Hongkong Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One

Mile. Entratios \$10. SEVENTH BACK -- 4 P.M. American Cup, open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours, Distance One Mile, Entrance SAILING RACE.

For all Open Boats, Obiness excluded. Entrante \$2. First Prize, \$20 | Second, YACHT RADE For all Yachts. Entrance \$8.

allowed for Tonnage. If seconds per ton.
Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.
DUDLEY C. TRAVERS, Hon, Secretary, Visionia Becreation Cinb. Hon. Mongkong, 27th Moneyber, 1877,

Intimations. doca Torsa TTIOTORIA REGISTRA, 1877

ENTRIES for RACES in the above Regatta may be made to any one of the

undermentioned Gentlemen H. E. Wodehouse, Req., Lieut. WALKER, 28th Regt. W. HYMES, Esq. C. V. Shith, Raq., E. BEART, Esq.

H. M. Sonurz, Esq., or to D. C. TRAVERS, Esq., Hon. Sec., Victoria Recreation Club. Hongkong, November 27, 1877. G. FALCONER & Co.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, Dated this 5th day of December, 1877. JEWELLERS.

To Let.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. PANY, LIMITED. Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

TITHE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the TO LET. 27th Instant, both days inclusive. A. NEWTON. Apply to Manager.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 1, 1877. Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE. TO LET. TR. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to No. 1, Praya East. receive Patienta.

DENTAL NOTICE.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS. CHARTS

AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

R. STOUT has Returned, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY. the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, Hotel Del'Univers Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES SMITH FERRIES. Deceased.

TOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any ULAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDL who died at Sea on Board the said Vesse on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send or Demands to the said JOHN FATREATEN at his address aforesaid, or to the Underalgned WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, At the Office of the said WILLIAM HERRY BRERETON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878 And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said James SMITH FEBRUES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Cle ms of which the said JOHN FAIBBAIRM has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRHAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877. WM. H. BRERETON. Solicitor for the said JOHN BAIRBAIRN.

APONG. PHOTOGRAPHER,

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Intimations.

THE BANKRUPTOY ACT. 1869.

H. M. PROVINCIAL COURT AT AMOY.

In the matter of proceedings for Liquidation by arrangement or composition with Creditors instituted by JOHN DODD and ORAWFORD DAVISON KERR, trading under the Style of DODD & Co., at AMOY and TAMSUL.

TOTICE is hereby given that a First the above-mamed Persons has been sum. moned to be Held at Messrs Donn & Co.'s Offices, Amoy, on the 29th day of December instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pro-

JOHN DODD. CRAWFORD D. KERR, Hongkong, London, San Francisco, and J. Dodd.

NTOS. 4, and 5, PECHILI TERRACE, ELGIN

THE FIRST STORY of the Promises Apply to A. HAHN.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

TO LET. THE Dwelling House and Offices No. D'Aguilar Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs Douglas Lapraix & Co.

The Dwelling House No. 10, Gough The Bungalow No. 17, Wellington Street. Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 4, 1877. TO LET ON LEASE. Possession on the 1st January, 1878. THE Well-known Promises now occupled as the "STAG HOTEL." The House contains: Dining Room, Sitting Room, and 12 Bed-rooms, a large Billiard Room for Two Tables, Pantry, Bath-rooms, and W. C. Also, a Bar, in Queen's Road and Store attached : Cook House, 2 Boys'

Roms, &c. Gas and Water laid on. For further Particulars, apply to J. ARMSTRONG, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, November 30, 1877. TO LET. TYOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, lately occupied by the Rev. R. H. Kind. Bisnee Villa," Pok-foo-lum, Furnished. Nos. 9 and 11, Queen's Road Central with spacious Godowns attached, at present occupied by Messrs Butterfield & Swife

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Hongkong, October 13, 1877.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

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selved, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

For Rates of Paymiums, forms of propossis or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Agents Hengkeny & Canten. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

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FIRE Undersigned, Agents for the above

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GILMAN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 6, 1875, SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE

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Hongkong, August 28, 1877. THE LONDON ASSURANCE

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872, MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER

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FITHE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company of Hongkoug, Canton, Foother, Shanghal and Hankow, and are prepared to great insurances at current vates.

HOLLIDAY, WIRE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868, Printed and yubilated by Gao, Myzait

BAIR, of the China Mail Office, No. 1 Wyndham Street, Mongreta.